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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Special Election

Yesterday, the Governor announced that he would call a statewide special election on November 8, 2005 to pursue the reform agenda that he outlined in his January State of the State address. He issued an official proclamation which sets the date, specifies the ballot initiatives, both qualified and pending qualification, and requires that the FY 2006-07 State Budget appropriate funds to reimburse local governments for costs incurred as a result of the election.

The following initiatives have qualified for the special election:

- **1031 - School Funding. State Spending.** This measure is also known as the California Live Within Our Means Act (CALWOMA) and it proposes to amend the State Constitution to establish spending limits, change the budget process, modify the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for K-14 education, and restrict transfers from special funds to the State General Fund.
- **1067 - Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification.** This measure would ban abortions for unmarried girls under age 17 until 48 hours after a parent or legal guardian is notified. It would permit judges to waive the waiting period if it is in the girl's best interest and require doctors to report all abortions performed on minors.

- **1072 - Reapportionment.** This measure would transfer the authority to draw new political districts for the State's Congressional, Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization seats from the Legislature to a panel of retired judges.
- **1084 - Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions.** This measure would ban public employee unions from using dues for political contributions unless employees provide written consent.
- **1088 - Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal.** This measure proposes to lengthen the time teachers must be in the classroom before becoming a permanent employee, from two to five consecutive school years.

In addition, according to the press release, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson has estimated the cost of the special election to be \$44.7 million.

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 266 (Romero), as amended on May 27, 2005, would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish a trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan for presentation to the EMSA and the Legislature by January 1, 2007. The advisory committee would be composed of an as yet unspecified number of members appointed by the Authority and drawn from representatives of all professions and entities related to trauma care. The Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary, the Chair of the Senate Health Committee, and the Chair of the Assembly Health Committee would be non-voting members. The plan would address all aspects of a trauma care system, including a seamless statewide transportation system, and all possible funding sources.

A report issued in January 2001 by the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency found that significant geographical areas in California were without rapid access to trauma care, that several California counties and regions were either without approved trauma plans or had not implemented their trauma plans, and no statewide system existed to ensure timely access to trauma care for all injured victims. According to the author, SB 266 seeks to require the State to develop a statewide trauma plan that will address these gaps in services and include proposals for funding sources.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) indicates that the County maintains a system of thirteen trauma centers, two at County-operated hospitals and eleven at private hospitals. Funding for this system comes from State and Federal sources which have declined to the point that several private hospitals have left the system and others

threaten to leave. DHS recommends that the County support SB 266 because it seeks to establish a statewide trauma care system and provide the funding to support that system, and we concur. Consistent with current Board policy to seek a continuation of State funding for trauma centers, **our Sacramento Advocates will support SB 266.**

SB 266 is sponsored by the author and supported by the California Ambulance Association, California Medical Association, Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California, Inland Counties EMS Agency, Save California Trauma Centers, Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, and the Trauma Managers Association of California. There is no registered opposition.

SB 266 is awaiting a hearing date in the Assembly Health Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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